Mission: Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical and social/emotional lives.
Vision: To develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.
Beliefs: We Believe in providing a safe, supportive, respectful environment, opportunities for all students, student growth and achievement, and cooperative relationships among students, families, stakeholders and community members.

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Buchanan High School Library
401 W. Chicago Street | Buchanan, MI 49107

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Members of the public may contact members of the school board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the board. These items will also be shared with the Superintendent.

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Meeting Minutes are also posted on our district website under the Board of Education.

If you will be attending the meeting in person, door entrances 1, 2 and 3 will be open. During the winter months, we encourage you to park in the staff parking lot off Phelps Street and enter through entrance 3.

Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting. Email: mmunyon@buchananschools.com

A. OPENING OF MEETING BY PRESIDENT

We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.

All regular meetings have been posted on our district website, in our central office, and in each district school building. Tonight's agenda has been posted on our website and emailed out to the BCS Board of Education Community Subscription. Our school board members receive the agenda and all supporting documents for reports and action items several days prior to this scheduled meeting, so they can review information, prepare questions or comments, and are ready to participate fully in the discussions and votes that encompass the duties of their office.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

The Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters as indicated during the public comment portion on the agenda. We request that each interested participant complete and turn in a Public Comment Card to ensure responses can be appropriately addressed.

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
B. **ROLL CALL**
C. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
D. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
E. **POINTS OF PRIDE**
    i. **Buck Staff Appreciation October Winner - Taylor Hanson, Custodian**

Nominees included:

- Kara Barrett, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
- Michelle Canfield, Ottawa Cook's Help
- Kristen Wahlstrom, Bus Driver
- Jennifer Michiels, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
- Benjamin Barker, Elementary Music Teacher
- Rachel Kutemeier, Kindergarten Teacher
- Elise Bancroft, Athletic Trainer
- Rebekah Warman, Business Office Clerk
- Phil Place, Director of Information Technology
- Beth Hannon, Moccasin Paraprofessional
- Katie Dietrich, 4th Grade Teacher
- Rebecca Dey, Ottawa Paraprofessional
- Brandy Wesner, Ottawa Paraprofessional
- Sheena Getz, Ottawa Paraprofessional

F. **SUPERINTENDENT & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
    i. Athletics & BVA, Educational Services, Business Services, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation and Operations
G. **PRESENTATIONS**
    i. Becky Kaltenbach, Food Service Supervisor
    ii. Audit
H. **INFORMATION, REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS**
    i. Bond Oversight Update
    ii. Board Policy Committee - October 7
    iii. Human Resource Committee - October 7
    iv. Superintendent Community Hours - October 7
    v. Curriculum & Programming Committee - October 12
    vi. Facilities & Finance Committee - October 12
I. **PUBLIC COMMENT -** Per Buchanan Community Schools bylaw 0167.3, which governs Public Comment at Board Meetings; each participant may speak once during the meeting for up to three minutes. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.

The Board will listen, take comments and questions under advisement, and not respond at this time. I, as President, will refer questions to the Superintendent for research and response in a timely manner. Please ensure your Public Comment Card includes your contact information as desired for a response. If you have specific questions for the Board that require a follow-up, please email those directly to the Board President.

J. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
K. **RECOMMENDED ACTION**
    i. Donation Approvals
    ii. LOA - Addition of Girls Varsity Wrestling Coaching Positions to Schedule C-1
    iii. Closed Session - Student Discipline
    iv. Return to Open Session
    v. Board Resolution for Student Discipline
L. **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
M. **NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 16, 2026 at 6:00pm in the BHS Auditorium**
N. **ADJOURNMENT**